# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:85
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CHECK ON EFFLUENTS POLLUTING GANGA AND YAMUNA
ANANTRAO GUDHE

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that waste materials, dirty water and debris of cities and towns are entering and flowing with the water of Ganga and Yamuna at various places; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to stop entry of these items in Ganga/Yamuna?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is providing assistance to various State Governmentsto cover pollution abatement works in 157 towns along polluted stretches of 31 rivers spread over 18 States under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme ofNational River Conservation Plan (NRCP). The following pollution abatement works are being undertaken by various implementing agencies of State Governments.

- Interception and diversion works to capture the raw sewage flowing into the river through open drains.
- Sewage treatment plants for treating the diverted sewage.
- Low cost sanitation works to prevent open defecation on river banks.
- Electric crematoria and improved wood crematoria to conserve the use of wood and to prevent throwing of unburnt dead bodies into the river.
- Improvement of bathing ghats to allow the use of rivers for bathing by people.